



**Maryland
Green Registry
MEMBER**

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

Bowie Lions Club



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Community Service (part of Lions International)
Member since October 2022

Management and Leadership

Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

Our Lions Club participates in the annual City of Bowie Stream Cleanup. We have removed tires, car parts, bicycles, bottles, cans, plastic, toys, furniture, and more, around the city for many years.

Our building property is now a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat and recognized on the City of Bowie's roster of certified habitats, with native and other pollinator plants replacing gravel and mud. It was installed in 2014.

The club co-sponsored the first Bowie Green Expo (and in all nine succeeding years) to educate people about green living, green energy choices, and the environment.

Waste

Recycling

At every club meeting, we gather our plastic bottles, cans, cardboard, glass, etc. which are then collected by the City of Bowie's recycling program.

The club has partnered with TREX- collecting plastic bags, pallet wrap, etc. which are incorporated into their manufactured "wood" decking and other products. For each 500 lbs. collected, TREX gives us a community bench which we then donate to the City or another local group. We have earned seven of these benches, preventing over 3,500 lbs. of plastic film from polluting the environment, or ending up in a landfill.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Through a BGE program, our club building has been retrofitted with more energy-efficient fluorescent lighting. We have also replaced an old oil-burning heating system with electrical heating and efficient cooling.

Water

Stormwater Management

In creating our wildlife habitat and garden, plant material and mulching capture have greatly reduced runoff from our parking area. We have also installed a rain barrel at one of our downspouts to catch and store some roof rainfall.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

- Environmental Sustainability Award Winner at the 2012 Lions International Convention in Seoul, South Korea: Recognized for constructing and selling affordable rain barrels made from used, food-grade 55-gallon poly drums. The barrels prevent rainwater from running into storm drains, and provide homeowners with water for garden and nonpotable uses, saving precious treated water for drinking, cooking, bathing, etc. We have built and sold approximately 300 barrels since starting the project.*

National Wildlife Federation: Our property is a [Certified Wildlife Habitat](#)



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

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